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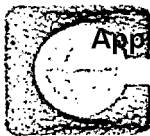
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The Honorable Edward Brooke  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Brooke:

I am writing to invite you to a luncheon and panel discussion, hosted by the Honorable Clement J. Zablocki in a dining room of the Rayburn Building on 21 April, 1977, from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. The subject under discussion will be "U.S. Research on Eastern Europe/USSR --Critical Resource for Security and Commercial Policy".

New relationships have emerged between the United States and Eastern Europe/USSR in the past four years. Agreements on arms limitations, trade, technology exchange, and European security have been signed, the USSR strategic and conventional strengths have grown significantly, and the Soviets have extended their influence in Africa and India. These bring to the front the need for knowledge within the United States of Eastern Europe and the USSR, upon which to develop and articulate both commercial and security concepts and policies.

Yet while the need grows, the United States is in jeopardy of losing a substantial part of its research capability in Slavic studies, due to lack of funding and because it remains remote from policy makers, the general citizenry, and from specialized political and economic interests. We must re-energize the many research resources so the Congress, the Executive Departments, and commercial interests are provided with the knowledge so necessary for effective actions during a period of long-term competition with the Soviets.

The panelists during this luncheon will address three topics. First, they will describe how research on Eastern Europe and the USSR can be relevant to future legislative and executive actions. Second, they will explain the weaknesses of current support. And third, they will present the pros and cons of possible Congressional actions to rectify the situation. Dr. Ray Cline of CSIS will serve as moderator. The panelists will be: Dr. Richard Pipes, Harvard; Dr. Marshall Shulman, Columbia; Dr. Herbert Levine, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Gregory Grossman, University of California-Berkeley; and Dr. Richard Solomon, Rand Corporation. In addition, other experts will attend the luncheon and be available throughout the day, as we will concurrently conduct a full-day seminar for Congressional and executive department staffs on these same topics.

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We sincerely hope you will be able to join us and your other Congressional colleagues for this luncheon and discussion.

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